

MINUTES

OF THE

NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Conecuh Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Baptist Church at Mt. Pleasant, Butler County, Ala.,

October 29th and 30th, 1895.

OFFICERS.

P. M. BRUNER, MODERATOR.....Evergreen, Ala.

B. A. LIDE, CLERK AND TREASURER.....Evergreen, "

The next session of the Association will be held with the Church at Brewton,
Escambia County, Ala., on Saturday before the third
Sunday in September, 1896.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading Letters and Enrolling Names of Delegates.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Appointment of Committee on Preaching.
4. Recognizing Messengers from Corresponding Bodies.
5. Invitation to Ministers Present, not Delegated, to Seats with us.
6. Appointment of Committees to Report During the Session:
 1. Time and Place.
 2. Nominations.
 3. Appointment.
 4. Finance.
7. Receiving New Churches.
8. Reports of Committees Appointed at Last Session.
9. Reports of Committees of the Present Session.
10. Motions and Resolutions.
11. Miscellaneous Business.
12. Treasurer's Report.
13. Disbursements of Funds on Hand.

MINUTES.

The Conecuh Baptist Association assembled for its ninth session with the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, at 11 o'clock a. m. on Tuesday, October 29th, 1895

The introductory sermon was preached by J. E. Deer, B. H. Crumpton leading the opening prayer.

M. F. Brooks, the former Moderator, being absent because of sickness, A. T. Sims, pastor of the Mt. Pleasant Church, called the Association to order at 2 o'clock p. m., and on motion of B. H. Crumpton he was made Moderator pro tem.

Letters were read and delegates enrolled from the different churches, as follows:

Antioch—A. J. Stanford, G. E. Mathews.
Arkadelphia—George Lee, B. A. Lide.
Beulah—M. F. Fail.
Brewton—L. M. Bradley, J. M. Padget, W. M. Rabb, B. H. Crumpton, J. M. Rabb, E. P. Loveless.
Brooklyn—J. E. Thames, C. A. Thames.
Brushy Creek—J. S. Hineman.
Castleberry—H. L. Carter.
Catawba Springs—W. A. Johnson, Frank Johnson.
Cedar Creek—M. C. Kirkland, J. E. Reed, Willie Worrell.
Chapman—W. T. Smith, S. M. Henderson.
Damascus—Evanda Betha.
Dunham—W. B. Mize, Danl. McKenzie.
Elim—J. E. Deer.
Evergreen—W. D. Hubbard, J. W. Stewart, C. S. Rabb, C. A. Sinquefield, P. M. Bruner.
Fairfield—G. E. Ellis, J. F. Salter.
Flomaton—M. A. Whitehurst.
Georgiana—A. T. Sims, I. L. Taylor, P. M. Smith.
Greenville—W. R. Martin.
Old Town—I. Spence.
Mt. Olive—A. T. Bennett, L. G. Chancellor.
Mt. Pleasant—W. H. Joyner, J. H. Johnson, A. Thomas.
New Hope—M. A. Lane, J. T. Wright.
New Home—J. D. McIntyre, R. C. Lee.
New Prospect—L. G. Womack, M. G. Goodwin, H. F. Gamble.
Union—J. C. Edeker, H. E. Black.

The following committee on preaching was appointed:

A. T. Sims and W. H. Joyner, with deacons of Mt. Pleasant Church.

On motion of B. H. Crumpton, the rules were suspended and P. M. Bruner was elected Moderator by acclamation.

On motion of C. S. Rabb, and upon a suggestion of W. B. Crumpton, B. A. Lide was elected Clerk and Treasurer by acclamation.

On motion of B. H. Crumpton, petitionary letters from Spring Hill, Olive Branch and Forest Baptist churches were read, the churches received into the Conecuh Association, and their messengers, J. B. Perry, F. Wilson,

A. Meyers, N. B. Hudson, B. B. Hudson, invited to seats and welcomed by the Moderator.

W. B. Crumpton was recognized as Secretary of the State Board of Missions.

J. W. Stewart as representing the Orphans' Home, Judson Institute and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

B. H. Crumpton as representing Howard College.

A. T. Sims and B. A. Lide, the Alabama Baptist.

Benj. Cooper from the Alabama Association, and Steve Williamson, G. A. Riley, M. Lee, E. L. Hughes from the Zion Association, also the ministers present not delegated, were welcomed to seats in the Association.

The following committees, to report at this session, were appointed:

On Time and Place—E. P. Loveless, C. S. Rabb, M. A. Whitehurst, Jesse Thames.

On Nominations—J. W. Stewart, J. R. Meyers, W. T. Smith.

On Apportionment—J. M. Rabb, I. Spence, J. D. McIntyre, P. M. Smith.

On Finance—W. R. Martin, W. A. Johnston, Jesse Thames.

A. T. Sims, chairman of the committee on Preaching, made a partial report, as follows:

Tuesday evening, 7 o'clock, Mt. Pleasant, W. D. Hubbard.

Tuesday evening, 7 o'clock, Chapman, B. H. Crumpton.

Wednesday evening, 7 o'clock, Chapman, L. M. Bradley.

E. P. Loveless read the following

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee beg leave to report, that there is no necessity to dwell upon the incalculable harm being done by the traffic in strong drink. It is well known to all men. Only a few years since laws began to be enacted to prohibit its manufacture and sale. These laws have increased in popularity as the people become acquainted with them, till now it is probable that three-fourths of the State is under prohibitory laws. Every minister of the gospel, Sunday School superintendent, teacher and every member of churches should use their best efforts for the cultivation of public sentiment which will aid in the enforcement of such laws. The churches should maintain strict discipline and not allow drunkards or drunkard makers to retain membership in them. Every lover of the cause of Christ and of his country should earnestly pray and labor for the time to come when no man shall be found to advocate the cause of intemperance. By earnest prayer and consecrated effort these can be brought about.

E. P. LOVELESS, Ch'n.

The report was spoken to by E. P. Loveless, C. S. Rabb, W. B. Crumpton, and, on motion of B. H. Crumpton, was adopted.

The Association then adjourned, with prayer by L. M. Bradley, to meet the following day at 9 a. m.

WEDNESDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 9 o'clock and devotional exercises were conducted by J. E. Deer. Minutes of the preceding day were read and adopted.

J. W. Stewart read the following

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

When marshalled on the field for battle against sin and Satan the Lord's army shall appear, not the least important among them will be the Christian women. They have already done an important work and yet much remains to be done.

The work was fully inaugurated in Alabama six years ago, when the convention in Selma appointed a central committee on Woman's Work.

For evidence of what may be accomplished by systematic effort on the part of our Baptist women, you are respectfully referred to what has been accomplished by a few of the churches of this Association. Our houses of worship at Greenville, Georgiana, Evergreen and Brewton, our Mission Boards, the families of frontier missionaries on the border land of our country and the Orphans' Home at Evergreen have all been the recipients of the beneficence of this work.

For literature and other information touching this subject, the reader is referred to Mrs. I. C. Brown, East Lake, Ala., Secretary of the Central Committee on Woman's Work for Alabama.

We recommend the establishment of a Woman's Missionary Society in all our churches where it is practicable to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STEWART, Ch'n.

J. E. Deer moved its adoption, and when discussed by J. W. Stewart and C. S. Rabb it was so ordered.

The report of the Executive Committee was read by J. W. Stewart, as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The only work your committee has undertaken this year has been to encourage the pastors of our churches to have side appointments near their fields of labor. We are gratified to report that such a move started at Wallace several years ago has recently grown into a church; and at Forest only three days ago another church was organized that started the same way. Old Olive Branch Church has been revived and there is regular preaching seven miles northwest of Evergreen, where steps are being taken to build a house, and soon we hope to have an active church. We believe this is the most important work we have yet undertaken.

We respectfully urge our stronger churches to aid the weaker ones, and see that communities near them are supplied with preaching.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. W. STEWART, Ch'n.

On motion of George Lee, the report when discussed by J. W. Stewart, C. S. Rabb, A. T. Sims, I. L. Taylor and Steve Williamson, was adopted.

Upon a suggestion of A. T. Sims, J. W. Stewart moved as amendment to report of Executive Committee that three members be appointed to act with that committee to see if something could not be done for preachers serving destitute churches, which was approved, the Moderator appointing J. E. Deer, M. A. Whitehurst and A. T. Sims.

W. D. Hubbard read the following

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The words of Jesus, "Go ye therefore and make disciples of the nations," have never been recalled. "Lift up your eyes and see the fields white unto the harvest," is still the situation as we look at earth's millions, who have not the gospel. Truly to us is committed the word of revelation, and "How shall they hear without a preacher?" We need more information on the subject of Missions, more need of the spirit embodied in the teaching of

Jesus, but above all, more reliance on the Holy Spirit, the greatest Teacher of all.

The reports from the field are most encouraging. There is a deeper interest in the work to-day than the world ever saw before. It is the age of Missions. What we want above anything is to bring the question still closer home to the hearts of our people. How shall this be done? There are numbers of strong young men and women who are ready to go to the foreign field if we only had money to send them. Shall we not help to send them? Shall we close our ears to the cry which calls us to "Come over and help?"

W. D. HUBBARD, Ch'n.

On motion of J. W. Stewart, the report was tabled to be discussed with the reports of State and Home Missions.

The report on State Missions was then read by J. E. Deer, as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee beg leave to report that the State Board of Missions had in its employ forty men, for which they received \$7748 00. Of this amount \$300.00 came from the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Dividing this amount equally among the forty men, each man would have received for his year's service \$193 00. This is poor pay when considered in dollars and cents; hardly enough to feed and clothe the wife and family of the man of God, as he goes from place to place breaking the bread of eternal life to others.

As Missionary Baptists, we ought to be willing to give of our means for the support of men and their families, who are willing to sacrifice the pleasures of home for the good they can do others and the glory they may bring to the name of our God.

We earnestly recommend to the churches that they come up to a fuller discharge of their duties in the work of State Missions. For it is important to have the gospel preached to the destitute of our section, to meet and counteract the influence of Mormonism that is being sown broadcast in the land.

We would call the attention of the Executive Committee to the necessities of our Home or Associational field, and urge that they do the best they can, in co-operation with the State Board of Missions, toward the meeting of these necessities.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. DEER, Ch'n.

On motion of A. T. Sims, the report was also laid on table for discussion. C. S. Rabb, for the committee, read the following

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The word "Missions" should have a special claim for every Christian, as our Master left us in the world to perform the mission assigned us, and if the paramount work is not giving the bread of life to those who have it not, how shall they obtain it? This is God's way of reaching fallen man.

For convenience, the work is divided into three departments: Foreign, Home and State Missions. The Home Mission department is to cover the destitute places in the different States where the State Mission Boards are unable to cover the field, and to give the large foreign population in our cities the gospel as soon as they reach our Christian civilization. This Board furnishes the gospel to the Indian, and we especially commend the benevolent work of our women in furnishing the poorly paid and self-sacrificing frontier preachers with clothing for themselves and families by sending boxes to gladden their hearts.

The Home Mission Board has done a good work. There are now in the field on their territory 381 missionaries, about 1,300 churches.

The work in Cuba has been blessed of the Holy Spirit in the hands of Bro. A. J. Diaz, where there has been a hospital, school and other helps to the

work. There is now a rebellion on the Island of Cuba, which we pray God to bless to the dissemination of his word through our brethren in Cuba.

There has been some progress made among the negroes, as their preachers are more teachable and are striving to hold up a higher standard of morality where they have been taught, which we consider very encouraging.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. JOYNER, Ch'n.

On motion of J. W. Stewart, the report was treated similarly to the two preceding.

On motion of L. M. Bradley, the hour for preaching was deferred for thirty minutes or more for W. B. Crumpton to speak on Missions.

After his speech a hymn was sung and prayer offered by B. H. Crumpton, when a collection was taken for Missions amounting to \$12.85.

The missionary sermon was then preached by W. D. Hubbard from 1 Cor. 3-9: "For we are laborers together with God," when the Association adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order at 2 p. m. by the Moderator.

Prayer by W. M. Rabb.

The reports on Missions were discussed further by W. B. Crumpton and B. H. Crumpton, when, on motion, they were adopted.

A. T. Sims read the following

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

* The duty of religiously educating those committed to our care is as old as the Bible itself. Moses, the author of the first five books of the Scriptures, whose writings are considerably more than 3,000 years old, in Deuteronomy 6th chapter commands: "These words which I command thee this day shall be in thy heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes, and thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates."

This is a very strong way of emphasizing and urging the necessity of early and thoroughly training the young in the law of God. Other writers of the Old Testament besides Moses urge upon us the great importance of educating the young in the right ways of the Lord.

In the New Testament the same principle is recognized.

Common experience and observation unite in appealing to Christians to train the young in the fear of God. Youth is a time of seed sowing, later in life and in the eternal world they reap what they have sown in early life.

The teaching a person receives just as surely tells upon his life for weal or for woe as does the color of the warp and woof determine the color of the web.

Christian education should, beyond a doubt, be carried on in the home, and should be a part of the home life. This home training should consist in the personal piety of the parents, their oral counsel and a pure Christian literature. Many of our Christian parents seem to have no conception whatever of the great necessity of buying good books for their children and of subscribing for our religious papers for them to read. No one can measure the vast influence for good of religious literature in the household. On the other hand no one can determine the poisoning and destroying power of bad literature in the family.

Next to the family training comes the Sunday School. This institution shares in large measure the divine blessing in moulding the youth of the

land for the glory of God. The parents who ignore the Sunday School and withhold their help from its Christ-like work are guilty of sin in the sight of God.

Next to the Sunday School we have Christian colleges where our children are not only trained in head, but also in heart and character. These institutions are the Lord's and they are presided over by some of our best and wisest men and women. These schools should have our heartiest sympathies and support. This is all the Howard College at East Lake and the Judson Institute at Marion need to make them a grand success.

A. T. SIMS, Ch'n.

Discussed by W. B. Crumpton and J. W. Stewart, when, on motion, it was adopted.

REPORT ON THE LOUISE SHORT BAPTIST WIDOWS AND ORPHANS HOME OF ALABAMA.

J. W. Stewart read the following report on The Louise Short Baptist Widows' and Orphans' Home of Alabama:

Our Orphanage is now permanently located at Evergreen. The first steps taken toward its establishment were taken by Mrs. Woodson, when five years ago she gave to the Baptists of Alabama certain valuable property for the maintenance of a Baptist Widows' and Orphans' Home. This good sister has turned over to us all of her real estate, worth several thousand dollars, to be used after her death for this great purpose, except the Florida property, which she has given for immediate use.

The Home was not actually started, however, till two years ago, when in a small rented house it was opened, on the 10th day of March, with three inmates.

We have received into the Home 48 children, of whom 24 are girls and 24 are boys, and have sent out by adoption 11, and 2 by apprenticeship.

The boys are taught to do farm work, and the girls do various kinds of house work.

The older children attend school at the Academy, and the younger ones are taught in the Home. They attend Sunday School and church, and Sunday afternoons they engage in singing and reciting Scripture. Seven of the children have been baptized. These have organized a child's prayer meeting, in which they themselves lead.

In November, 1893, to make room for our large and growing family, a permanent Home was purchased, consisting of the Y. M. Rabb place, eighty acres of land lying on Main street, with a substantial brick residence with ten rooms. Money is greatly needed to improve this property so as to add four more dormitories, a dining-room and kitchen, and a school-room. The property was bought for \$5,000, to be paid in three annual installments, with interest on the deferred payments. The first was paid when due. The second, amounting to about \$1,800, was due January 1st, 1895, on which a balance of \$273 is still due. The third, and last payment, amounting to about \$1,930, will be due January 1st, 1896.

Let every Baptist Church, every friend of the Home, and every one who wishes these poor children well, send something to aid in making this last payment.

The current expenses of the Home are about \$200 per month.

"The righteous considereth the cause of the poor." (Prov. 29:7.)

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. W. STEWART, Ch'n.

The report was discussed by J. W. Stewart, W. B. Crumpton, A. T. Sims, and a collection taken amounting to \$6.70 in cash and the following pledges:

Antioch.....	\$ 5 00	Flomaton.....	\$ 5 00
Beulah.....	1 00	Georgiana.....	10 00
Brewton.....	50 00	Old Town.....	1 00
Brooklyn.....	5 00	Mt. Pleasant.....	7 50
Castleberry.....	10 00	New Hope.....	2 50
Catawba Springs.....	5 00	New Prospect.....	2 50
Chapman.....	25 00	George Lee.....	5 bushels of corn
Damascus.....	5 00	J. D. McIntyre.....	5 " "
Dunham.....	15 00	J. C. Edeker.....	5 " "
Elim.....	10 00	Fairfield.....	5 00

When, on motion of B. H. Crumpton, it was adopted.

B. H. Crumpton read the following

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

It is needless to consume time of the Association or space in the minutes with a lengthy report on this subject. We need work, not so much talk. The impersonation of principles is far more effective than abstract reasoning. People admit the logic of your argument, and cease overt opposition, but they admire organized effort and can be induced to fall into line and experience the sweets of Bible training in operation.

An associational missionary, combining preaching and Sunday School organization among all the churches needing it, would be more conducive of happy results than reports and resolutions. This must be referred to the report on Missions.

Considerably over one half of the accessions to the churches are reported as coming from the Sunday Schools.

There have been reported to this Association 26 churches with a membership of 2,426. Twenty of these churches report Sunday Schools with a membership of 1,240; showing at least six churches without Sunday Schools. This ought not so to be. We should have a Sunday School for each church, and the enrollment for Sunday Schools should be much larger than that of the churches, as many attend them who are not members of the churches.

The Sunday School Convention which was inaugurated and held with the Evergreen Baptist Church, Aug 20th, was a grand success, and we believe will be a mighty auxiliary in that direction, and beg that all interested will attend each meeting of this convention. We commend our Sunday School Board and its literature to our brethren and recommend that they order the literature from the State Board of Missions, at Montgomery, which will supply them at the same cost, and at the same time get a small percentage for missions.

We would urge upon pastors, superintendents and teachers to press their work without wavering, cultivating patience and perseverance, knowing that "We shall reap if we faint not."

B. H. CRUMPTON,
Chairman.

The report was spoken to by C. S. Rabb.

B. H. Crumpton moved as amendment to the report that the minutes of the Sunday School Convention be printed with the minutes of this body, which was so ordered and the report adopted.

E. P. Loveless read the following

REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE.

Your committee would report that two churches have asked for the next Association, viz: Brewton and Brooklyn. We recommend Brooklyn as the place, and Saturday before the third Sunday in September, the time.

E. P. LOVELESS,
Chairman.

L. M. Bradley moved as amendment that Brewton be the place, which was so ordered.

J. M. Rabb read the following

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

Greenville.....	\$ 400 00	Evergreen.....	\$ 400 00
Brewton.....	250 00	Georgiana.....	100 00
Fairfield.....	15 00	Antioch.....	10 00
New Prospect.....	10 00	Union.....	5 00
Johnsonville.....	10 00	Arkadelphia.....	20 00
Brooklyn.....	25 00	New Hope.....	5 00
Catawba Springs.....	10 00	Mt. Carmel.....	15 00
Brushy Creek.....	10 00	Old Town.....	5 00
Damascus.....	20 00	Elim.....	50 00
Dunham.....	50 00	Mt. Pleasant.....	10 00
New Home.....	5 00	Castleberry	25 00
Flomaton.....	10 00	Mt. Arie.....	5 00
Chapman.....	100 00	Spring Hill.....	5 00
Mt. Olive.....	5 00	Forest.....	10 00
Olive Branch.....	15 00	Cedar Creek.....	10 00

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. M. RABB, Ch'n.

On motion of B. H. Crumpton, the report was adopted.

On motion of A. T. Sims, Peter Spence, recommended by the Old Town Church, was adopted as beneficiary of the Association.

The following resolution was offered by W. M. Rabb:

Resolved, That this Association tender the citizens heartfelt thanks for the very hospitable entertainment, and to Bro. W. T. Smith for the use of his railroad for our transportation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. RABB, Ch'n.

Which was adopted.

P. M. Bruner offered the following report for the year ending September 10th, 1894:

REPORT OF TREASURER.

To cash amount received from Finance Committee.....\$ 155 90
To amount of vouchers received from Finance Com..... 1,100 21—\$1,256 11

CR.

By cash paid State Missions.....	\$ 41 92
Home Missions.....	23 41
Foreign Missions.....	36 06
Ministerial Education.....	16 85
Howard College.....	60
Miss Kelley.....	10 00
Minutes, &c.....	27 06—\$ 155 90

P. M. BRUNER, Treas.

* On motion of B. H. Crumpton, it was adopted.

Report on Nominations was read by J. W. Stewart, as follows:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee on Nominations recommend,

1. That Bro. A. T. Sims preach the introductory sermon; Alternate, I. L. Taylor.

2. That Bro. L. M. Bradley preach the missionary sermon; Alternate, S. P. Lindsey.

3. That Bro. S. P. Lindsey attend Southern Baptist Convention; Alternate, E. P. Loveless.

4. To attend Baptist State Convention: E. P. Loveless, P. M. Bruner, L. M. Bradley, A. T. Sims, W. D. Hubbard, Jno. W. Stewart, G. B. Farnham, W. M. Harris, B. H. Crumpton, M. F. Brooks, C S Rabb and I. Spence.

Respectfully submitted,

Jno. W. STEWART.

The report was adopted.

On motion of C. S. Rabb, it was ordered that the Clerk have 500 copies of the minutes printed.

Also that the Clerk's account with the Alabama Printing Co., amounting to \$2.26, for Association letters, express and postage, be paid out of moneys not otherwise appropriated.

Report on Finance was read by Jesse Thames, and was, on motion of J. W. Stewart, received, the committee discharged and the Clerk instructed to receive the money and vouchers and make exhibit.

On motion of W. M. Rabb, it was ordered that the Clerk have \$10.00 for his services.

On motion of J. W. Stewart it was ordered that I. L. Taylor be paid \$25.00, being the balance due him for services rendered in the Association out of unappropriated funds.

On motion of C. S. Rabb, it was ordered that balance of the money unappropriated be turned over to W. B. Crumpton for Ministerial Education.

On motion of B. H. Crumpton, after prayer by L. M. Bradley and singing and giving the parting hand, the Association adjourned to meet with the Brewton Baptist Church at 10 o'clock a. m. on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1896.

P. M. BRUNER,
MODERATOR.

B. A. LIDE, Clerk.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The first annual Sunday School Convention of the Conecuh Association convened at Evergreen, Ala., Tuesday evening, August 20th, at 8 o'clock.

Thanksgiving service was conducted by Rev L. M. Bradley, after which the welcome address was delivered by the Rev. W. A. Taliaferro, in behalf of the town of Evergreen. Response to same was made by Mr. Bradley, in the absence of Prof. Cheatham.

The temporary officers were appointed as follows: Rev. L. M. Bradley, chairman; J. M. Brooks, secretary.

Delegates were enrolled from the majority of the churches, and the various committees appointed.

The following committee was appointed to elect permanent officers: J. W. Stewart, M. F. Brooks, S. M. Henderson.

The following permanent officers were chosen: G. R. Farnham, president; J. M. Brooks, corresponding secretary; M. F. Brooks, statistical secretary; A. T. Sims and L. M. Bradley, vice-presidents.

Services were held on Wednesday, August 21st, at 9:30 a. m., 3:30 and 8 p. m., and were held at the same time on Thursday.

ORDAINED MINISTERS IN ASSOCIATION.

L. B. Choran	Chapman, Ala.
B. H. Crumpton	Bellville, "
Jno. E. Deer	Roberts, "
W. M. Harris	Greenville, "
J. H. Higdon	Evergreen, "
W. D. Hubbard	Evergreen, "
W. H. Joyner	Shell, "
R. C. Kirkland	Volina, "
W. M. Rabb	Brewton, "
A. T. Sims	Georgiana, "
I. Spence	Old Town, "
J. W. Stewart	Evergreen, "
I. L. Taylor	Georgiana, "

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

To amount received from Finance Committee.....	\$ 94 44
special collection for Missions.....	12 85
Orphanage.....	6 70—\$ 113 99
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By amount paid J. W. Stewart for Orphanage.....	\$ 16 08
handed J. W. Stewart for W. B. Crumpton	
(Missions).....	27 71
J. W. Stewart for T. B. Bell.....	12 00
I. L. Taylor.....	25 00
By Clerk's stationery bill (allowed).....	2 26
printing minutes.....	15 00
express, postage, &c.....	5 94
amount paid Clerk.....	10 00—\$ 113 99

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, who, on producing their credentials, shall be entitled to seats.

ART. 2. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known by the name of the "Conecuh Baptist Association," who shall usurp no authority over the churches in our union, or infringe on any of their internal rights, but shall be merely an advisory council in all matters relative to their internal concerns. It, nevertheless, claims authority over its own members, the delegates of the churches, and in justice and propriety must have power to withdraw from and disown all churches that depart from the principles to this compact, by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice. Its principal business shall be to cultivate union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ, and the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom, especially with those united in the Association.

ART. 3 Every church in our union shall be entitled to three delegates, and for every twenty-five (or fractional part) over fifty members, an additional delegate. Through them shall be transmitted to every annual session of this Association a letter specifying the names of their messengers, number in fellowship, excluded, restored, deceased, licensed or ordained to preach the gospel since last session; also postoffice, Sabbath of meeting, by whom supplied, amount paid pastor, and the amount contributed for the different benevolent objects fostered by this body, and the number, average and attendance at Sunday Schools, also name of Sunday-school superintendent.

ART. 4. New churches may be admitted into our union by messengers bringing petitionary letters if upon due examination they be found orderly and orthodox. The Moderator shall be elected by, and of the members present, whose duty it shall be to see that the Rules of Decorum are strictly observed, and to take the voice of the Association on all the subjects legally introduced. A clerk shall be elected, whose duty it shall be to keep a correct record of all the proceedings and discharge such other duties as may pertain to his office. Also, a Treasurer shall be elected, whose duty it shall be to receive all money belonging to the Association and disburse it as directed by the body, and present annually for insertion in the Minutes a clear and full statement of all receipts and expenditures.

ART. 5. The Association shall furnish the churches with the Minutes of every session in proportion to the Minute Fund sent up by each individual church.

ART. 6. The Association shall have a fund supplied by the voluntary contributions of churches, and all money raised during the year for any kind of missionary, education, or any other kind of benevolent purposes, shall be sent to the Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board, and a duplicate receipt taken by each church and the receipt deposited with the Treasurer of this Association; provided, that the funds for State Missions be held subject to the order of the Executive Committee of this Association.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of this Association to keep a regular file of printed Minutes of every session of this body, and deliver the same to his successor in office.

ART. 8. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by proper Rules of Decorum, which it is authorized to form and amend according to its own views.

ART. 9. This Constitution may be altered or amended at regular meetings of the Association by a concurring voice of two-thirds of the members.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. At every annual meeting of the Association, immediately after the delegates' names are enrolled, tellers shall be appointed by the Chair, and the Association shall proceed to choose from among their number a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who are to hold their offices until the new ones are chosen.

3. The Moderator shall take the chair every day at the hour to which the Association shall have adjourned on the preceding day; shall immediately call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum, shall cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read.

4. He shall preserve order and decorum; may speak on the points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal from the Association by any two members, on which appeal no member shall speak more than once unless by leave of the Association.

5. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting.

6. Questions shall be distinctly put; those voting in the affirmative shall say aye, and those of contrary opinion, no. If the Moderator doubts, or a division be called for, the delegates shall divide; those voting in the affirmative shall first arise from their seats, and afterwards those voting in the negative.

7. The Moderator shall appoint all committees, unless otherwise specially directed by the Association.

8. In all cases of election, the Moderator may vote; in other cases he shall not vote. He may speak on any question, provided he shall call some other member to the chair while he is speaking.

9. The Clerk shall enroll the names of the delegates, minute the proceedings of the body, and perform such other duties as the Association may direct.

10. The Treasurer shall receive, account for, and pay out all moneys belonging to this body according to the instruction of the Association, and perform such other duties as the Association may direct.

11. When any member is about to speak or deliver any matter to the Association, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the Moderator, and shall confine himself to the question under debate and avoid personalities.

12. If any member, in speaking or otherwise, transgress the rules of the Association, the Moderator shall, or any member may, call him to order, in which case the member so called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain, and the Association shall, if appealed to, decide on the case, but without debate. If there is no appeal, the decision of the chair shall be submitted to; if the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; otherwise, he shall not be permitted to proceed in case any member objects without leave of the Association.

13. When two or more members rise at once, the Moderator shall name the one who is to speak first.

14. No member shall speak more than once on the same question without leave of the Association, unless he be the mover, proposer or introducer of the matter pending, in which case he shall be permitted to speak in reply, but not until every member wishing to speak, has spoken.

15. Every member who shall be in the house when a question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Association for special reason excuse him.

16. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the chair, or, if in writing, handed to the moderator and read aloud before debate.

17. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the chair or any member desire it.

18. After a motion is stated by the chair, or read aloud by the Clerk, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the body, but may be withdrawn by leave of the Association at any time before a decision or amendment.

19. When a question is under debate no motion shall be entertained but to adjourn, to lay on the table for the previous question, to postpone to a certain day, to commit or amend, to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged; and no motion to postpone to a certain day, to commit, or to postpone indefinitely, being decided, shall again be allowed during the session.

20. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except the Association be engaged in voting.

21. On a previous question there shall be no debate. All incidental questions of order, arising after a motion is made for the previous question, and pending such motion, shall be decided, whether on appeal or otherwise without debate.

22. The previous question shall be in this form: "Shall the main question be now put?" It shall only be admitted when demanded by a majority of the members present; its effect shall be to put an end to all debate and bring the Association to a direct vote upon amendments reported by committee, if any, and then the main question.

23. No motion or a proposition on a different subject from that under consideration, shall be admitted under color of amendment.

24. When a motion has once been made and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move a reconsideration thereof on the same or succeeding business day, and such motion shall take precedence over all other questions, except a motion to adjourn.

25. No member shall absent himself from the house without leave of the Moderator, or leave the meeting without leave of the Association.

26. Should any member of this Association absent himself before the close of the session, without permission of the body, he shall be marked in the minutes as absent without leave.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF CONECUH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1895.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.....	Home Missions.....	Foreign Missions.....	Orphanage.....	Bible & Colportage.....	EDUCATION.			Ministerial.....	Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.....	Judson Institute.....	Associational Purposes.....	S. SCHOOL & SUNBE'ES.			WOMEN'S SOCIETY.				Total.....	Pastor's Salary.....	Visiting Ministers.....	Repairs, Fuel, the Poor, etc.....	Grand Total.....	Value of Chrch Buildings, Furniture, etc.	
						Ministerial.....	Judson Institute.....	Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.....					State Missions.....	Home Missions.....	Orphanage.....	Home Missions.....	Foreign Missions.....	Orphanage.....	Other Purposes.....							Ministerial Education.....
Antioch.....	\$ 1 00											\$ 1 20									\$ 12 20				\$ 2 20	
Akrapelphia.....	4 70		\$ 4 75	\$ 1 70								1 25									12 40	\$ 100 00		\$ 8 50	120 90	\$ 200 00
Beulah.....												50									50			50	1000 00	
Brewton.....	99 31	\$ 18 50	18 50	25 04	\$ 1 00	\$ 36 70						3 00				\$ 47 80	\$ 51 00		\$ 21 25		356 10	991 30	\$ 80 00	96 04	1523 44	1000 00
Brooklyn.....	16 70	1 00	1 00	1 75								2 00	\$ 2 25	1 00	1 00						26 70	150 00		9 30	186 00	1000 00
Brushy Creek.....	45											50									95			95	95	
Castleberry.....	17 60	3 60	3 08	19 85			5 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 10 00			1 00	2 39	6 00	6 00	7 23	2 95				109 70	82 00	9 50	161 65	362 85	800 00
Catawba Springs.....	1 00	1 00	1 00									1 00									4 00	60 00			64 00	150 00
Cedar Creek.....	1 00											1 00									1 00				2 00	500 00
Chapman.....	2 05	52 50	72 50	30 00			6 12					2 00									165 17	150 00		40 00	355 17	500 00
Damascus.....												1 25	\$ 4 28								5 53			4 05	9 58	
Dunham.....	10 00											1 00				37 00					48 00	148 00		74 00	270 00	
Elim.....	18 25	1 00	1 00	5 00								1 40									26 65	250 00			276 40	1000 00
Evergreen.....	91 23	41 71	132 43	139 92	7 14	50 81						4 00	6 08			67 60	\$ 5 00		\$ 50 00		594 92	838 24	81 25	175 96	1690 37	2000 00
Fairfield.....	3 00	2 89	2 89	2 30								60									11 68				11 68	
Florenton.....	2 50											75									3 25	72 00			75 25	600 00
Forest.....	50											1 00									1 50				1 50	
Georgiana.....	37 21	10 00		18 47			28 00									9 75					103 43	240 00			343 43	250 00
Greenville.....	37 14	103 30	140 10				5 00					2 00	50 00		1 20	57 40	10 00	3 00			413 12	1210 00		94 72	1717 84	13000 00
Johnsonville.....												15		1 20							1 35				1 35	
†Mount Arie.....																										
Mount Pleasant.....	1 89	4 45	2 25	2 50								90									11 99	50 00		49 50	111 49	200 00
Mount Olive.....	2 50											35									2 85	1 50		7 00	11 35	50 00
New Home.....		1 25										1 25									2 50				2 50	
New Hope.....												50	1 50								2 00				2 00	
New Prospect.....	1 00											50									1 50				1 50	
Old Town.....							1 00					1 35									2 35				2 35	
Olive Branch.....												75									75	40 00			40 75	
Spring Hill.....				3 50								1 00									4 50				4 50	
Union.....	1 95											1 90									2 95	25 00			27 95	100 00
TOTAL.....	\$ 350 98	\$ 244 20	\$ 379 50	\$ 250 08	\$ 8 14	\$ 132 63	\$ 25 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 33 20	\$ 55 78	\$ 10 72	\$ 23 20	\$ 26 00	\$ 106 96	\$ 178 95	\$ 15 00	\$ 3 00	\$ 21 25	\$ 50 00	\$ 1920 54	\$ 4408 04	\$ 170 75	\$ 720 67	\$ 7221 80	\$ 23250 00	

†Not reported.

*Voucher short \$460.10.

STATISTICS OF CONECUH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1895.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S POST OFFICE.	Membership Last Re- ported.	Increase		Decrease		Present Membership.	S. S. Officers & Teachers	Sunday School Pupils	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT'S NAME AND P. O. ADDRESS.	Preaching Sabbaths.	Reports Prayer Meet- ing.	Reports Revival.
						By Baptism	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death						
Antioch	Butler	W. H. Joyner	A. J. Stanford	Bolling	53	4	1	3	5	1	49	5	A. J. Dorety, Bolling	1		
Arkadelphia	Conecuh	B. H. Crompton	M. E. Salter	Betts	52	6		2			50	4	E. A. Lide, Evergreen	2		
Beulah	Conecuh	J. H. Higdon	I. B. Hagood	Evergreen	14	2		1		1	14					
Brewton	Escambia	L. M. Bradley	Jno. M. Rabb	Brewton	191	42	22	1	10		241	14	M. F. Brooks, Brewton	Ev'ry		
Brooklyn	Conecuh	B. H. Crompton	L. J. Rabun	Brooklyn	90	12		2	1	2	97	7	W. N. Brawner, Brooklyn	3	Yes	Yes
Brushy Creek	Butler	T. F. Hendon	T. M. Cohron	Georgiana	44	2	2	2	1		45	4	E. A. Hinchman, Chapman	3		
Castleberry	Conecuh	J. W. Stewart	W. R. Watson	Castleberry	38	2	4		4		40	6	D. L. Carter, Castleberry	4	Yes	
Catawba Springs	Escambia	W. M. Rabb	T. J. Goodwin	Pollard	65	5		2	3	2	62	2	W. J. Jackson, Herrington	2		
Cedar Creek	Conecuh	R. C. Kirkland	M. C. Kirkland	Volina	84			1	7	1	75	5	M. A. Kirkland, Volina	2		
Chapman	Butler	A. T. Sims	J. M. Harris	Chapman	30		2	6			26	5	W. T. Smith, Chapman	4	Yes	
Damascus	Escambia	B. H. Crompton	J. M. Danford	Boykin	102	18	5	1	1	1	122	5	J. M. Danford, Boykin	1		Yes
Dunham	Butler	T. F. Hendon	D. B. McKeazie	Dunham	29	29	3	1		1	59	7	J. C. Moore, Dunham	1	Yes	Yes
Elim	Escambia	B. H. Crompton	L. B. Parker	Roberts	187	13		6	3	3	19	8	L. B. Parker Roberts	4		
Evergreen	Conecuh	W. D. Hubbard	E. J. McCreary	Evergreen	219	43	8	10		1	259	20	G. R. Farnham, Evergreen	Ev'ry		
Fairfield	Conecuh	I. S. Ridgeway	Emmet Salter	Evergreen	110	14	3	3	2		122					
Flomaton	Escambia	J. M. Hall	A. G. Chaudron	Flomaton	52	6	5	1			63	5	M. A. Whitehurst, Flomaton	3		
Forest	Butler	I. L. Taylor	W. K. Holder	Forest							16					
Georgiana	Butler	T. F. Hendon	A. N. Glenn	Georgiana	129	9	18	11	3	3	14		W. C. Vinson, Georgiana	2 & 4		Yes
Greenville	Butler	W. M. Harris	C. H. McMullan	Greenville	289	2	4	9	2	3	281	15	D. M. Powell, Greenville	Ev'ry	Yes	Yes
Johnsonville	Conecuh	J. H. Higdon	J. E. McCall	Zen	13	6					16	4	J. B. Davison, Zen	1		
*Mt. Arie																
Mt. Pleasant	Butler	A. T. Sims	J. T. Joyner	Shell	61		1	1	2	2	58	5	J. H. Johnson, Shell	3		
Mt. Olive	Butler	W. L. Fort	A. T. Bennett	Oresto	30	12	1	1	1	1	36	5	M. D. Garner, Oresto	4		
New Home	Conecuh	L. B. Choran	R. C. Lee	Rat	69	2		5			66			2		
New Hope	Conecuh	L. B. Choran	M. A. Lane	Manti	63	12		13		1	61					
Now Prospect	Butler	S. Moore	H. F. Gamble	Georgiana	76	1		12			65	6	S. G. Womack, Georgiana	3		
Old Town	Conecuh	J. H. Higdon	James Stephens	Herbert	85	8	2			1	95	8		4		
Olive Branch	Conecuh	I. L. Taylor	J. R. Myers	Gravella	27	35	11				81	6	J. B. Long, Gravella	2	Yes	Yes
Spring Hill	Butler	W. H. Joyner	W. H. Hinson	Pontus							27			4		
Union	Conecuh	J. H. Higdon	J. C. Edeker	Orestes	38	4	8				50			2		
Total					2240	281	107	15	109	33	426	2510	141	130		

*Not reported. Churches organized during year—Forest, Olive Branch. Church dissolved during year—Bethsaida. Church received from other Association—Spring Hill, from Zion Association.

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